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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Group Art Unit: 2439

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.3-731

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Patent Application of:     | :                      |
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| Inokuchi et al.                  | :                      |
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| Application No.: 09/869,816      | : Group Art Unit: 2439 |
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| Filed: July 3, 2001              | : Examiner: R. Baum    |
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| For: DATA DECODING APPARATUS AND | :                      |
| METHOD, CHARGE INFORMATION       |                        |
| PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, |                        |
| DATA REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND   |                        |
| METHOD, ELECTRONIC MONEY,        |                        |
| ELECTRONIC USE RIGHT, AND        |                        |
| TERMINAL APPARATUS               |                        |

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated May 9, 2011  
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.